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Dear FutureGen Site Selection Team:

As the County Judge Executive of Henderson County, Kentucky, I wish to express my very strong support for the siting of the FutureGen project in my county.

Coal is very important to Henderson County and to Western Kentucky. In 2004, over 2.8 million tons of coal were produced in Henderson County, providing employment for over 300 miners who earned over \$22 million. In Western Kentucky, the 23 million tons coal production in 2004 employed over 2,200 miners who earned over \$136 million. The total economic benefits for the county and region are several times greater than the direct benefits of coal mining.

Because the coals produced in Henderson County and Western County are typically higher in sulfur content, coal production in the region has decreased to less than half the historic high of 56 million tons in 1975 as many electric utilities have met clean air requirements by use of very low-sulfur coals. The economic loss to Henderson County and Western Kentucky has been significant.

FutureGen will demonstrate that America can utilize any and all of its vast coal resources to achieve energy independence in an environmentally sound manner. Given that coal is the United States most abundant energy resource, we must explore the tremendous opportunities inherent to its potential.



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In addition to an excellent site, transportation infrastructure, and abundant coal resources, Henderson County offers an excellent workforce, an unequalled business climate, and a quality of life that is unsurpassed.

I look forward to providing any required assistance to the FutureGen Alliance that would best position Henderson County to be awarded the FutureGen project. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the potential of our county for the FutureGen project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandy Lee Watkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "S".

Sandy Lee Watkins
County Judge/ Executive